

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0043] with the following amended paragraph.

[0043] At operation 404, at least a **portion** ~~porion~~ of the content of the medical information database is transmitted to the host computer system. The information may be used to compile a cross reference table to facilitate future searches. The information may be “refreshed,” according to operation 404, periodically. For example, the medical information may be programmed to periodically transmit new, modified, and/or deleted information to the host computer system. In this way, the host computer maintains current information relating to covered members.